

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device to lift a barrel substantially cylindrical in shape and including a lower surface, an upper surface, and a peripheral surface, the device comprising:

a system for grasping the upper surface of the barrel;

at least one moveable arm configured to be moved vertically in relation to the system for grasping and alongside the peripheral surface; and

at least one finger fitted under the at least one moveable arm and configured to be moved under the lower surface,

wherein the system for grasping comprises a centering mechanism comprising fingers that can be extended radially.

Claim 9 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 8, wherein the system for grasping is suspended from a column, the at least one moveable arm is suspended from a plate sliding along the column, and an elevator system adjusts the height of the plate of the column.

Claim 10 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 9, wherein the plate comprises a carriage configured to slide radially, and from which the at least one moveable arm is suspended, and a carriage slide control.

Claim 11 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 10, wherein the carriage comprises means for rotating the finger, and wherein the finger is lifted while rotating on the at least one moveable arm and is connected to the means for rotating by a rod located on the at least one moveable arm.

Claim 12 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 8, wherein the system for grasping comprises a support, at least one suction cap, and a ball and socket for mounting the suction cap onto the support.

Claim 13 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 8, further comprising means for inspecting the barrel.

Claim 14 (New): A barrel grasping and lifting device according to claim 13, wherein the means for inspecting the barrel comprises means located on the at least one moveable arm, and means located within the system for grasping.